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SUBJECT: Strike everything amendment to H.B. 2371, relating to enforcement prohibition; vaccinations; requirements

Purpose

Prohibits the state and any political subdivision that receives and uses state tax revenues (governmental entity) from enforcing a requirement that any person under 18 years of age receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or a COVID-19 variant without parental consent. Classifies, as a class 1 misdemeanor, a violation of the prohibition.

Background

On April 19, 2021, the Governor issued an Executive Order prohibiting a state agency, county, city, town or other political subdivision from adopting any order, policy, regulation, ordinance or other measure that requires an individual to provide documentation regarding the individual's COVID-19 vaccination status as a condition of: 1) entering any building, business, facility, location, park or other space; or 2) receiving any service, permit, license or other work authorization requirement ([Executive Order 2021-09](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Prohibits any governmental entity from enforcing any requirement that a person under 18 years of age receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or a COVID-19 variant without parental consent.
2. Classifies, as a class 1 misdemeanor, a violation of the prohibition on enforcing a vaccination requirement on a person under 18 years of age without parental consent.
3. Allows a county attorney to prosecute any violation of the prohibition on enforcing a vaccination requirement on a person under 18 years of age without parental consent.
4. Defines *governmental entity*.
5. Designates this legislation as the *Health Care Freedom Act*.
6. Makes technical changes.
7. Becomes effective on the general effective date.